

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 25 have been rejected for various reasons under §§ 102, 103, and 112. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims presented here define patentable subject matter.

§ 102 Rejection - Wilson

Claims 1 - 3, 8, 11 - 12 and 21 have been rejected as anticipated by Wilson Sr ("Wilson" U.S. Pat. No. 5,947,635). These claims have been cancelled.

New independent claims 26 and 45 recite these limitations:

- the boundary markers define parking spaces
- the sign means is on the boundary markers
- the sign means is visually viewable by an occupant of a vehicle in a parking space defined by the boundary markers

Wilson has no teaching or suggestion of sign means on boundary markers; and no teaching or suggestion of such sign means that are visually viewable by a vehicle occupant in a parking space defined by the boundary markers. A vehicle positioned in one of Wilson's parking spaces which has a wheelchair indicia (see, e.g. Fig. 5 of Wilson) would not be able to see the wheelchair indicia following parking of the vehicle.

Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of the new claims presented here are not anticipated by Wilson and that these new claims define patentable subject matter.

§ 103 Rejection - Wilson

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under § 103 based on Wilson. These claims have been cancelled. New claim 32 corresponds to now-cancelled claim 9.

Applicant repeats here the remarks above regarding the Wilson reference and asserts that for the previously-stated reasons new

claim 32 recites patentable subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that what is claimed in new claim 32 submitted here is not rendered obvious by Wilson.

§ 103 Rejection - Wilson/Meyvis

Claims 4-5, 7, 13-19, and 23-25 have been rejected under § 103 based on Wilson in view of Meyvis et al ("Meyvis," U.S. Pat. No. 5,565,843). These claims have been cancelled. Applicant repeats here the comments above regarding the Wilson reference. Meyvis does not remedy the deficiencies of Wilson.

New claims 28 and 45 (corresponding, respectively, to original now-cancelled claims 4 and 23) recite that the interaction apparatus provides interactive communication between two persons, one at the traffic area and one remote therefrom. Meyvis has no teaching or suggestion of such interaction (nor does Meyvis or Wilson need such interactive communication to achieve all their purposes).

Regarding new claims 40 and 41 (corresponding to now-cancelled claims 18 and 19), Meyvis teaches only a static image. Meyvis has no teaching or suggestion of a series of sequential images or of moving images - nor does Meyvis need such images to achieve all of its purposes.

§ 103 Rejection - Wilson/Yoo

Claim 22 has been rejected under § 103 based on Wilson in view of Yoo et al ("Yoo," U.S. Pat. No. 6,107,942). This claim has been cancelled. Applicant repeats here the comments above regarding the Wilson reference. Yoo does not remedy the deficiencies of Wilson.

New claim 44 corresponds to now-cancelled claim 22 and depends from new independent claim 26. Applicant repeats here the comments above regarding the Wilson reference and new claim 26. For these reasons Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 44 defines nonobvious patentable subject matter.

§ 103 Rejection - Wilson/Meyvis/Dee

Claims 6 and 20 have been rejected under § 103 based on Wilson in view of Meyvis et al ("Meyvis," U.S. Pat. No. 5,565,843) and in view of Dee et al ("Dee", U.S. Pat. No. 6,312,152). These claims have been cancelled. Applicant repeats here the comments above regarding the Wilson reference and the Meyvis reference. Dee does not remedy the deficiencies of Wilson. New claims 30 and 42 correspond, respectfully, to now-cancelled claims 6 and 20.

New claims 30 and 42 depend from new independent claim 26. Applicant repeats here the comments above regarding the Wilson and Meyvis references and regarding new independent claim 26; and respectfully submits that for these reasons new claims 30 and 42 define patentable subject matter.

Claim 24

Claim 24 has been rejected under § 103 based on Wilson in view of Meyvis. Claim 24 has been cancelled. New claim 46 corresponds to now-cancelled claim 24. New claim 46 recites these limitations:

- visually-identifiable curbing
- sign means in the curbing

Support for the curbing is in the Specification (see, e.g. Figs. 3, 4 and the text related thereto).

Neither Wilson nor Meyvis has any teaching or suggestion of a curb, of curbing, or of sign means in curbing - nor does either reference need or use curbing to achieve all its goals and purposes. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 46 recites nonobvious patentable subject matter.

§ 112 Rejection

Claim 4 has been rejected under § 112 for indefiniteness. New claim 28 does not recite "the parking area".

Claim Objections

Claims 21 and 25 were objected to. These claims have been cancelled. New claim 43 (corresponding to now-cancelled claim 21) clarifies the language regarding the curb.

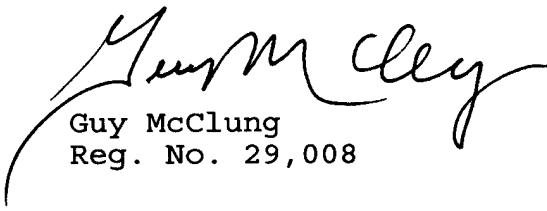
Drawings

Applicant notes that in the "office action summary" sheet a box regarding the formal drawings has an "X" in it, but there is no notation or "x" marked in either the "accepted" box or the "objected to" box.

Conclusion

Applicant appreciates the careful and detailed Office Action. This is intended to be a complete Response to the Office Action. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

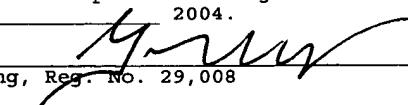

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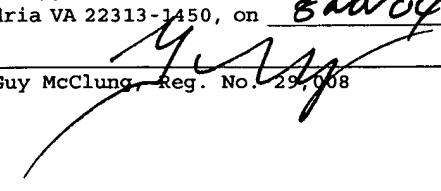
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